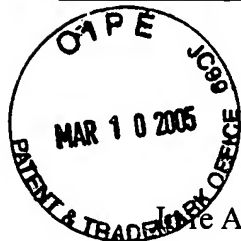


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The Examiner's attention is specifically directed to the material that has been listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449, of which there is 1 page. A copy of each listed item, other than issued U.S. patents and published applications, is also enclosed.

The undersigned representative respectfully submits that, to the best of his knowledge, the enclosed copy of Canadian Patent Application No. 611101 contains substantially the same disclosure as French Patent Application No. 1,217,971 and is provided in lieu of a translation of the latter.

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The Examiner is invited to directly contact the undersigned representative by telephone to discuss any issues or questions presented by this paper.



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